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Saint Louis Chess Club Names New Resident GM

GM Benjamin Finegold

GM Yasser Seirawan

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Missouri Chess Association: Mission Statement

As the Official State Affiliate of the United States Chess Federation, The Missouri Chess Association's mission is to promote, coordinate, and support chess activities throughout the State of Missouri. This should always to be accomplished with a fair and unbiased approach, protecting the rights and interests of our Members, Tournament Directors, Organizers, and Chess Players in the great state of Missouri.

Recent News in Missouri Chess

Call for Nominations

As a Missouri Chess Association member, you are invited to submit nominations for the election of members for the MCA Board of Directors. Nominees must be residents of the state of Missouri, 16 years or older (as of April 15th) and current MCA members. If elected, nominees would serve a two year term, beginning on September 1, 2013. Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged. Board Members are expected to be current MCA members, attend board meetings held in Columbia (Currently 4 times per year) and the general membership meeting at the Missouri Open. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2013. Election ballots will be mailed out by June 1 to MCA members in good standing as of May 1, 2013.
Send your nominations to:
Jim Davies, Election Commissioner, 7358 Shaftsbury Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63130 or email them to jandadavies@sbcglobal.net. Nominations must include the nominee's name and region (or mailing address)

TD Incentives

The Missouri Chess Association began an experimental incentive program to assist organizers in the year 2012. Due to the disparity of chess activity outside of St. Louis, the MCA will be offering an increased reimbursement in its usual incentives for tournaments organized in regions 2 and 3. That includes Kansas City as well as the central areas of the state. Instead of the usual $1 per player, an MCA approved event can receive $3 per player back from the organization if the event requires MCA membership and meets some basic requirements. The organization also has formed a committee to oversee this incentive and that committee is prepared to further help organizers who are seeking to get events up and running across the state. The Missouri Chess Association will happily continue to promote and assist tournaments in St. Louis, but with the current chess landscape, it's clear other parts of the state are underserved. We hope to help ensure all Missouri players can have a vibrant local chess community to participate in.
If you are considering organizing local tournaments, contact your MCA representatives to get the full details on how we can assist your efforts. (Board member information is on page 22)

The Missouri Chess Bulletin is the official publication of the Missouri Chess Association, a not-for-profit organization which promotes and supports chess in Missouri. The Missouri Chess Bulletin was founded in 1973 and is published quarterly. Your letters and writings are welcome. All submissions become the property of the MCA and the MCA reserves the right to edit any and all material received. Published opinions are those of contributors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the MCA

From The Editor

Greetings Missouri Chess Players,
Well all good things must end, and I'm happy, (sad, relieved) to be formally passing the torch off as editor of the Missouri Chess Bulletin. The job has been a labor of love for years, but the time is overdue for someone new to take the reins. I'm happy to see the Missouri Chess Bulletin will be in good hands, with Molly Nesham taking on the role of editor. Molly is part of a chess- loving family that has been active in Missouri chess on many levels over the years. I'll leave it to her to fill in all the details, but I'm confident the MCB will live on in her capable hands.
Readers won't be completely rid of me, as I'll still be around the chess scene. I've not been quite the active player over the last year or so, as I was the decade before, but I plan to both play and direct a handful of tournaments in 2013 and hopefully many years to come.
Another place I won't be, for those used to seeing me each year at the Missouri Class Championships, is behind the desk in Columbia. The event is starting a tour of the state, with Kansas City hosting in 2013. The local MCA directors will each take a turn running the show this June, but I'm sure I'll be back behind the computer another day when the event works its way back across the state. The plan is for the tournament to hit Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis over the next few years before returning to Columbia. Hopefully this gives many more players a chance to experience that great State Championship Event. I've loved seeing many of you over the years at the annual tournament, and I hope this rotation helps build excitement for what I think is a fantastic event.
In the meantime, I'll continue helping with many of the Scholastic events in St. Louis and Columbia, helping out the Missouri Chess Association, and looking forward to being paired against some old friends and new ones in the many great tournaments offered in Missouri.
I'd like to sign off with one final huge thank you to all those who helped me over the last five years with the Bulletin. Whether you were a contributing writer or avid reader of the publication, I thank you for helping make my experience as MCB editor a great one.

Bob Howe
MCB Editor, 2007-2012

Hello, Chess Fans!
This is the final Missouri Chess Bulletin for 2012, but my first opportunity to be its editor. I have some ideas I want to try, but I am counting on your input of articles, games and commentary for an up-to-date, high-quality MCB, keeping pace with the progress of chess in the state of Missouri.

Just to let you know a little about me, I played in my first rated tournament in 1972 and won the women's trophy. I have won other trophies and upset prizes since then, including tying for the Ohio Women's Championship. I played on my high school chess team when I lived in California, but back in Ohio I was on Board 1; in those states the chess team competed against the same conference schools as the football or basketball team. I also remember looking forward to the Sunday newspaper, just so I could solve the weekly chess puzzle.

I now return you to the Missouri Chess Bulletin…

Molly Nesham

Congratulations to these recent Tournament Winners:

Missouri Class Championships:

Expert: Abishek Mallela & Barry Manthe
A Class: Alex Esposito
B Class: Steven Goldschmidt
C Class: Khin Kyi
D Class: Daniel Raymon
E Class: David Reitz, Jack Pearce, Kenneth Berglund, & Peter Doran
Novice: Andrew Schauer

St. Louis Premiere & Amateur:

Premiere: James McLaughlin
Amateur: Steven Evans & Marek Ziolkowski

Springfield August Open: James Long and Edil Karabiev

Dog Days Open : Doug Eckert

St. Louis District Championship:

GM Fidel Corrales Jiminez & IM Priyadharshan Kannappan

Larry Evan's Memorial: Selden Trimble

Missouri State Championship:

Missouri Open: Anatoly Bykhovsky, Denes Boros & Matthew Larson
Reserve: Christopher Dobbs
Quick Chess Champions: IM Vitaly Neimer & GM Fidel Corrales Jiminez
Blitz Champion: GM Fidel Corrales Jiminez

AND THERE GOES ANOTHER FORTY YEARS!

~ by John Skelton ~

The line "It was forty years ago today/Sgt. Pepper taught the band to play"

sounds like it could apply to what the Missouri Chess Association has tried to do in its forty year history. But the fact is, here we are having made it through many ups and downs to get this far. And we still have a long way to go. I thought it might be a good idea to retrace some of the steps and missteps made over that time, with a look to the next forty years.

So I decided to dig through my old chess files and see what I, a chess packrat, might find. After having been on the chess scene here in Kansas City and Independence since 1965, I thought it might be a good time to look back over the evolution of chess in this part of the state, and in Missouri as best I know how. I'm not going to claim that I have all the facts or information, so right now I ask anyone who is willing to submit any corrections or add to my material to do so. And those of you in other parts of the state are certainly welcome to write out your own memories of those early days and send it in to the MCB.

When I started eighth grade at Westport High School in midtown Kansas City in 1965, I had been trying to teach myself chess for the past two years, and not getting very far. Like a lot of kids, I had no one at home who was interested or even knew how to play. It wasn't until my ninth grade year that I noticed the school didn't have a chess club. So I started one, and kept it going on through my graduation in 1970. By that time I had not only formed a decent chess club, but we had established a constitution (with the help of the future MCA president, Ronn Munsterman) and were going to tournaments. And then there was the Kansas City Area Chess Club, aka KCCAC.

Meeting at the Loose Park Garden Center through the auspices of the Parks and Recreation Board, club meetings were held every Friday night. I don't remember when they started, but I have newsletters dated as far back as September, 1968. At that time, the club had $123 in the treasury, and 18 chess sets. There was also a discussion about having Elliott Hearst, a UMC professor who was also the 17th highest rated player in the Unites States, give a simul!

You might recognize some of the names from those early days: Bill Haines was the Chairman, Joe Steffen vice president, Leon Bailey, treasurer, Mike Johnson, Jr. Chairman, and Avrom Rosen the tournament chairman. It was in this club that I started playing in USCF tournaments. And it became a foundation for Kansas City chess, and contributed many members to the formation of the Missouri Chess Association.

The 1973 KCACC Chess Calendar lists eight separate USCF rated events in Kansas City without anyone having to leave the city. And of course one of those events was the Missouri State Championship, held on July 7-8 in Kansas City at the Crown Center Hotel. Given that it was such a big event, I made sure I went. On the back of my scoresheet I noted that it was one of the biggest events I'd ever played in, with 132 players, which meant I probably wouldn't get a bye, a fact I was happy about. I was rated 1239 back then, and because of a win in the third round, I had to play Lawrence Coker. I mention him because I also noted on my scoresheet that he was 10 minutes late, a fact I should have remembered when I had to play him last year!

I had also noted on the last round scoresheet that I had called a girlfriend and talked with her, and then I attended the second meeting of the Missouri State Chess Association. I thought having such an organization would be a great way to meet other chess players across the state, and have a big influence on chess in Missouri. I watched and listened as Bill Haines, Jack Winters, and others talked about what direction they thought the organization should go. I thought it was interesting, while Mr. Holliman said the first

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one in Columbia on September 9th was very boring. He said not only was Haines there, but also Lowell Crissman, Doug Breckenridge, CW Amelotti, George Thompson, and Hooshang Naji. There were others, but he didn't remember them.

I must have not been a member then, or else I can't find the first issue of the MCB, but I do have the second one ever put out. It is dated September, 1973, and already it lists a BOD and separate regions. Those on the board and their regions were:

REGION I – Charles Amelotti, Jim Davies, Hooshang Naji

REGION II – Richard Patten, William Haines, Jack Winters

REGION III – Lowell Crissman, Al Lawrence, Thomas Moore, Henry Metzler

Ex-officio – Judge Lackland Bloom, David Edwards

At the time, the MCB was free to all members, and was edited by Jim Davies, with the help of Assistant Editors Lowell Crissman, and Hal Wisman. The MCA logo at the time was an outline of Missouri with a chessboard pattern inside the boundary.

On the back page of this issue is an editorial giving a brief overview of what had been done so far organizationally. Jim mentions a set of bylaws was adopted at that first meeting, laying the foundation for incorporation in the state. It was also decided to rotate the Missouri Open among the three regions, to encourage chess activities all over the state. And oddly enough, at the time there was no idea of the best way to set up the state into regions. Several plans were considered, but in the end the editor asked readers to submit ideas.

The editor also notes the quality of the MCB needed work. In fact, in one of the crosstables, he apologized because he had typewriter trouble and couldn't print the ½ scores! But just getting out a newsletter with a crosstable of the Missouri State Championship, several advertisements for tournaments both big and small, and some analysis, then get it out and mailed, was a big project. And then he did it again for another issue dated October-November! I guess back then they had no idea how often they wanted to publish, but at least it let us know the Missouri Chess Association was up and running!

I welcome comments and corrections. You can send them to Fortchess@aol.com. Please know your contributions might end up in future articles. Of course, you could simply write about your memories of those early days and send it in. I'm sure the MCB editor would appreciate it!

MCB Material Submissions:

The MCB is Missouri's Official Chess Publication, for and by the members of the Missouri Chess Association. Your help providing material for the MCB is appreciated. All submissions become the property of the MCA and the MCA reserves the right to edit any and all material received for publication.

Please send material for the MCB, including but not limited to:

- annotated games (PGN format is preferred, but others can be used)
- articles written by members
- articles from outside sources, with permission for republication
- pictures (with captions please)
- historical items
- scoresheets
- chess related quotes, sayings, and jokes
- or just about anything else you would like to contribute that's appropriate

All contributions that are true, fair, and builds goodwill and better friendships among the membership will be published. Thanks so much to all those who have contributed.

Changes at the St. Louis Chess Club!

~ Mike Wilmering ~

GM Finegold Resigns Position at CCSCSL

SAINT LOUIS (August 15, 2012) -- Grandmaster Ben Finegold has resigned his position as the Resident Grandmaster at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. Citing personal reasons for his departure, Finegold and the Chess Club are parting on good terms, and the club hopes he will continue to support American Chess at all levels, from developing strong scholastic players to coaching players at the top tier.

GM Finegold was hired to be the Resident Grandmaster at the CCSCSL in January 2010, and he was integral in helping shape the growing scholastic chess movement in Saint Louis and in helping organize numerous world-class events.

Tony Rich, executive director of the CCSCSL, thanked GM Finegold for his service to the Chess Club.

"Ben was a valuable addition to our staff, and we are thankful for his expertise and input throughout his tenure here," Rich said.

GM Ben Finegold served as the CCSCSL's Resident Grandmaster from January 2010 until August 2012.

Visit http://finegoldchess.blogspot.com for recent news from Ben Finegold.

Also, visit http://www.finegoldchess.com/

New Acting GM-in-Residence Named

Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan will arrive in Saint Louis on September 3 to serve as the acting Resident Grandmaster of the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis.

Seirawan, a four-time U.S. Champion and former World Championship contender, came out of retirement in 2011 to play in the U.S. Championship, which was held in Saint Louis. He cited the exciting developments of the Saint Louis chess scene as a contributing factor for his renewed interest in competitive chess and the U.S. Championship.

"First, it is a great event, and I wanted to thank the good folks at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis for all their wonderful work," he said. "Secondly, I got bored watching the young lions at play and felt the urge to join them."

Seirawan followed the 2011 U.S. Championship with a stunning performance at the 2011 World Team Championship, where he finished with a 2773 performance rating, which was almost 140 points higher than his rating at the time.

This move will allow him to have a direct impact on the rapidly growing chess movement in Saint Louis.

World Chess Hall of Fame

Everybody's Game: Chess in Popular Culture

Everybody knows that Queens, Kings, Bishops, and Pawns are chess pieces, but what happens when cultural icons like Miss Piggy, Homer Simpson, Darth Vader, and Piglet take their place?

Since the birth of mass media, the rich and recognizable symbolism of chess has been used to add an intellectual edge to entertainment and marketing campaigns alike. For hundreds of years, chess has been a reflection on the culture of its time, as the pieces reflected "players" in wars and characters in popular literature.

Everybody's Game: Chess in Popular Culture takes a playful look at how the ancient sport is represented in our contemporary by showcasing the game of chess as it has been featured in such mass media as magazine advertisements, rock music and movie posters, and other popular venues. These examples demonstrate that while chess is a serious game, there is more to it than just the competition—chess is everybody's game.

Regional Chess Clubs

Heart of America Chess Association
Noland Baptist Church
4505 S Noland Rd. Independence, MO 64055
Meets: Friday nights 7-11pm
Community Club, No fee to play
Contact Bob Holliman-chess_entries@comcast.net

Westport Chess Club
Westport Flea Market 817 Westport Rd. Kansas City, MO
Meets: Tuesdays 6:30 to 11:00 PM
$2 for adults, $1 for Students and under 18
Contact Ray Birt-westportchessclub@gmail.com
Website-http://www.westportchessclub.org

Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis
4657 Maryland, Saint Louis, Missouri 63108
Club open Tuesday-Sunday
Weekly Blitz, Bughouse, Lessons, and Tournaments
Contact Tony Rich-trich@saintlouischessclub.org
or call 314-361-CHESS
Website-http://saintlouischessclub.org

St. Louis Chess Club
St. Louis Bread Company 6630 Delmar Ave. (U-City)
Chess played every night 6-9pm, most players come weekends Contact Joesph Garnier-chessoholic@sbcglobal.net

Game Nite
South County Center mall, 30 South County Center Way
St. Louis, MO 63129
Meets: Every Monday evening 6pm-9pm
Free to play
Contact: Chris Prysock (gameniteshop@gmail.com)
(314) 894-2684 www.gameniteshop.com

St. Peters Chess Club
Liberty Classical School, O'Fallon, MO 63366
Meet on Friday: 4:30—6pm
Membership: $60 yearly. Private Lessons: $20 per hour
Contact Tim Nesham-tim.nesham@gmail.com

Univ. of Missouri Chess Club
Memorial Union (518 Hitt Street) Room S203, Columbia
Meets: Mondays 7 to 10 PM August-May
Contact Steve Brieztke brietzkes@health.missouri.edu
Website-http://muchess.students.missouri.edu

Missouri S&T Chess Club
Havener Center, Shamrock Room Missouri S&T
1346 N. Bishop, Rolla, MO 65409
Meets: Thursdays 7 to 9 PM
Contact Thomas Rehmeier-trrthf@mst.edu

Springfield Park Board Chess Club
Southside Senior Center 2215 S. Fremont Ave., Springfield
Meets: Fridays 6:30 to 11:00 PM
Contact Joe Brozovich- jmbroz@att.net or call 417-882-3992
Website- http://www.springfieldparkboardchessclub.com

Mineral Area Chess Club
McDonald's (Columbia and Hwy 67)
1700 W. Columbia St. Farmington, MO 63640
Meets: Monday nights 6:30-11pm
Contact: James Lyons: jaalyon@sbcglobal.net

Your Club Here!
Email molly.nesham@gmail.com to have your club advertised in the MCB and the MCA Website.

2012 Missouri Chess Festival

~ by Thomas Rehmeier ~ ~ Photos courtesy of Paul Troung ~

Players from around the state converged on Columbia, Missouri from September 21-23 for the annual Missouri Open and Chess Festival. Created in 2006, the Chess Festival has served as the flagship event of the MCA for awarding state titles, including the Blitz, Quick, Reserve, and Open champions. This year's tournament marked the first time in 7 years where the title of overall *Missouri State Chess Champion* was awarded to the winner of the Missouri Open.

The field for the 2012 Missouri Open was one of the strongest on record with 13 players rated over 2000, including five international titled players: GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez, GM Denes Boros, GM Anatoly Bykhovsky, IM Vitaly Neimer, and WIM Inna Agrest (all members of the newly-formed Webster University Chess Team in Saint Louis). Let's go through the action.

Quick: Friday night marked the beginning of the chess festival with the Quick Championship. A total of 16 players battled it out in the 4-round Game/29 rapid play tournament. When the smoke cleared, it was GM Corrales Jiminez and IM Neimer who tied for the state title with 3.5/4. The only blemish on their perfect score was the hard fought draw they had against each other in Round 2. Two players also had tremendous performances worthy of note: Ken Crumpler of Kansas and Vanita Young from Webster (seated 15th and 16th respectively) finished with even scores against very strong competition to secure the U1600 prize and earn over 115 quick-rating points apiece.

Quick Champions GM Jiminez (left) and IM Neimer (right) with TD T. Rehmeier

Main Event Round 1: A total of 23 players began play in Round 1 of the Open section, with 17 more competing in the Reserve. Experts Jim Davies, Barry Manthe, and Steve Rand were the lucky first three to get paired against the three Grandmasters. Each held their own to keep the contest interesting, but were unable to score any points vs. the top players. Tim Killian scored the only upset win of the round with a victory over Life Master Bob Holliman. (see game on page 17) In the Reserve, most of the higher rated players held their own, but one upset, a draw by Kevin Banas (1353), against Martin Stahl (1475), would be the start of good things to come for Mr. Banas.

Round 2: Tim Killian continued his strong tournament, with a second big upset, this time against 2100 Jim McLaughlin. The Grandmaster's all continued their winning ways, including Nine-time Missouri State Champion Ron Luther falling to GM Bykhovsky. In the reserve, local scholastic player Rohit Rao got his first upset of the tournament, taking a point from Ken Eddy of Arkansas. Martin Stahl picked up an upset draw against Joseph Bean.

Round 3: IM Neimer drew the first GM blood with a great win over GM Corrales Jiminez in the last round Saturday night. GM Boros defeated GM Bykhovsky to join Neimer as the only perfect scores to end the day. The evening gave those enjoying technical endings a treat, as two boards ended with Q vs Q+p games. St. Louis High School player Matt Larson faced the daunting task of trying to hold the game down the pawn against LM Ron Luther. The two had played a crazy tactical melee, which ended with a calm technical battle, which eventually petered out into a draw. Meanwhile Selden Trimble and Steven Rand squared off in a nearly

Vanita Young had a strong performance in both the quick and Open events.

similar position a few boards away. In that example, Rand's defensive tricks ran out, and Trimble's extra pawn was able to promote for the full point. Meanwhile, with a draw between leaders CJ Armenta and Steve Jacobs, Christopher Dobbs moved into the top spot in the Reserve. He preserved his perfect score, defeating Earney Pattrick. Kevin Banas picked up his third upset of the day, this time with a win over Ed Baur.

Blitz: Ten players sacrificed precious hours of sleep to compete in the Blitz Championship on Sunday morning. This 5-round, game/5 tournament was a thrilling spectacle (as it always is), with pieces flying off the boards in races against the clock. Despite the best efforts of all of the class players, the titled players remained unscathed by the end with GM Corrales Jiminez winning with a perfect 5.0/5 score to clench is second Missouri Championship Title. In second was GM Bykhovsky with 4.0, losing only to Corrales Jiminez. Rounding out the prize list was Tim Nesham with 3.5, spurred by a nice upset-draw against Tom Polgar.

Round 4: Getting back into the main event, two players in the Open section were undefeated going into Round 4, GM Boros and IM Neimer. Fresh off of his GM upset the night before, Neimer played a great game and was able to take half of a point from his GM teammate, positioning him very well for a run at the title going into the final round.

Dobbs perfect score was only partly blemished, with a draw against CJ Armenta. This was enough to keep him in the lead, but left the door open for several players to catch or pass him.

Reserve Winner Christopher Dobbs

Final Round: Christopher Dobbs got the job done, with a win over Stahl in his last game. This secured sole first in the Reserve with 4.5/5, giving up only a draw in round 4. With victory against CJ Armenta, Kevin Banas finished 2nd overall ahead of most C players and took home the Class D prize, with a total rating gain of 154 points. Joseph Bean and Steve Jacobs split the Class C prize money with 3.5 points each while Fred Smith and Rob Huggins won the E and U/1000 prizes respectively to round out the winner's circle.

Board 1 in the Open section ended fairly quickly, with a draw between GM Boros and WIM Agrest. Vanita Young (1699) drew blood in a nice game against local expert Barry Manthe to clinch a share of the Class A prize and gain 60+ rating points. With a final round victory against Expert Frank Smith, (see game on page 16) Matthew Larson, who joined with a half pt bye in round 2, finished off an impressive 3 win, 1 draw performance. He broke the 2000-rating barrier, gaining 50 points to reach his all-time rating high of 2034 and finished with 4.0/5 points.

At this point, all eyes focused on the final game of the tournament, between GM Anatoly Bykhovsky and IM Vitaly Neimer. Neimer, with a win, would take sole 1st and with a draw would split the cash and share the title with Boros and Larson. Unfortunately for Vitaly, he was unable to hold the endgame and finished behind the leaders with 3.5. With the end of the game, the 2012 Missouri State Chess Title was awarded to three Co-Champions: GM Denes Boros, GM Anatoly Bykhovsky, and (newly crowned Expert) Matthew Larson.

GM Anatoly Bykhovsky and GM Denes Boros. Two of the three Co-Champions in 2012.

Matthew Larson, (hiding from the photographer front center), shared first with the two GM's from Webster

All in all, the tournament went very smoothly. Players earned FIDE rating norms and many had their first shot at playing elite titled players. Thank you to everyone who attended, and I hope to see you next year.

The Dog Days Open

~ by Tim Nesham ~

Lucky Dogs

I took my son Will to the tournament with the intention to work while he played. Soon after we arrived, Will went off to play the first round while I sat in the Chess Club basement working on the MCA web site. After the first round ended I found out that Will was upset in round one and he wanted to drop out, but I insisted on seeing his game first. I understood his feelings but losing a game does not necessarily mean anything. We started to go over the game, and Will's opponent sat down with us and helped analyze the game. Will was feeling better after the analysis, and I started searching the club's opening books for the line Will's opponent played. I showed Will one line that was an improvement over what he played, and I started to feel like playing. I decided to enter the tournament, and the TD was gracious enough to take my $35 and give me a 1/2 point bye for the first round.

There were a number of upsets in round two, and some players dropped out. Fortunately, I wasn't among them. I won my round 2 game easily, and so did Will. If the players who dropped out had known how this tournament was going to turn out, they may have stayed in the tournament! But if there's any luck in Chess, it's usually in the pairings, and the people who dropped out had an effect on subsequent pairings. That "luck" landed on both Will and me later.

In the third round I didn't feel all that lucky. I noticed I was paired with Clark Berry with whom I've had horrible misfortune in the previous two games we played. Indeed the Winter-Spring 2012 MCA bulletin mentioned that Clark beat me. I've included our round three game below in which I won, after which I felt quite fortunate!

As my game was the next to last game to finish in round three, there was a crowd watching the games. Attention turned to the last game being played, and it was Will's game. Another lower rated opponent was giving Will a very tough game. It was a Q+P versus Q+P endgame in which Will's opponent was short on time and miscalculated. Queens were traded, and Will Queened with check! Will was able to win his round three game.

In round four I found myself playing on board two for clear second place depending on what happened on board one. The funny thing was that I didn't really feel any pressure. I wasn't thinking about the money, I just wanted to enjoy the game. I used to try to get to this frame of mind so I could play relaxed, but in the "trying" I always found myself getting nervous. This time I was only focused on playing the game. The game started out as a Pirc, and I played White. I've played against the Pirc many times and have a system I play against it. So I understood my plan and was able to play without wasting time trying to find it. I've added a diagram from my round four game in which I had a forced mate-in-3 provided my opponent plays Kh8, and I sacrifice my Queen. My opponent spotted the threat and decided to give up the exchange instead.
My opponent was one of the players who upset an expert earlier, but I was fortunate enough to win this game.

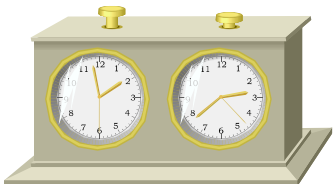
Diagram at right: if Black plays Kh8, then mate in 3!

Once again Will's game was the last in the round, and once again a lower rated player was making Will's life difficult. If Will would win or draw, my round four opponent would win money. So the game gathered some interest. Opinions differed about who was winning or if it was a draw. But Will was able to pull off a win. Afterwards Will thought that was the end of it, and he came downstairs to leave. But, the tournament director asked him to sign for the class A prize of $150!
We were quite surprised to say the least, and I took the second place prize of $200 ahead of a number of players; if I had played any one of them, I probably wouldn't have taken home the money.

After we left the tournament, Will mentioned he didn't like losing the rating points. But I asked him if someone offered him $150 for 14 rating points, would he take the deal? Of course he said he would! If ever I thought there was luck in Chess, the Dog Days was the tournament that proved it for me!

Symmetrical English
Dog Days Open
W: Clark Berry (1645)
B: Tim Nesham (1795)

1. c4 c5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. g3 e6 {My Rybka book gives e6 an exclam. I've seen this idea, to go d5 immediately, but I had another system in my head and didn't consider it.} **4. Bg2 d6** (4... d5) **5. Nc3 a6 6. O-O** {Cicak,S (2490) - Kovacevic,S (2442)/La Pobla de Lillet op 1999 (9)/1-0 I had d4 in my book. I preferred to steer the game into Sicilian lines I'm more familiar with, but the B on g2 is less common in the lines I like. I found one game that was similar to ours, which was a Double Fianchetto Hedgehog } **Qc7 7. e3 Nbd7 8. b3 Rb8** {I was interested in opening the Queen side and putting pressure on the B about to land on B2. The B on g2 hits nothing.} **9. Bb2 b5 10. d3 Be7 11. Qc2 O-O 12. Rad1 bxc4 13. dxc4 Bb7 14. Rd2 Rfd8 15. Rfd1 Nf8 16. e4 Ng6 17. Ne1 e5 18. Nd5 Bxd5 {Nxd5 was better.} 19. exd5 Bf8 20. Re2 Re8 21. Bf3 Qd7 22. Bg2 Qg4** {I wanted h3 to create weaknesses around the King.}
23. h3 Qd7 24. Nf3 a5 25. Nd2 a4 26. Ree1 axb3 27. axb3 Ra8 28. Bc3 Reb8 29. Rb1 Qc7
(29... Ra7 30. Ra1 Rba8 31. Rxa7 Rxa7 32. Ra1 Rxa1+ 33. Bxa1 Qc7)
30. Red1 Ra7 31. Ra1 Rba8 32. Rxa7 Rxa7 33. Ra1 Rxa1+ 34. Bxa1 Ne7 35. Qa2 Nf5 36. Bc3 Qe7 37. Ne4 Nd7 {I was expecting b4 at some point and wanted my Knight to watch c5. Also I planned to play Nd4 and create a passed pawn. b4 never came and I started to get the advantage.}
38. Qa7 Nd4 39. Qa2 f5 40. Bxd4 exd4 41. Nd2 Qe1+ 42. Nf1 Ne5 {Not very good because of f4. But that didn't appear right away.}
43. Qc2 g6 44. Bh1 {Time pressure} **Qc3 45. Qxc3 dxc3 46. Ne3 Nd3 47. Kf1 Nc1 48. Ke1 Nxb3 49. Ke2 Bg7 50. Kd3 Nc1+ 51. Kc2 Na2 52. Bf3 Nb4+ 53. Kd1 Nd3 54. Ke2 Ne5 55. Bg2 Kf7 56. f4 Nd7 57. Kd3 Nb6 58. Nd1 Na4 59. Bf1 Nb2+ 60. Nxb2 cxb2 61. Kc2 Bd4 62. Bd3 Kf6 63. Kb1 g5 64. fxg5+ Kxg5 65. Kc2 h5 66. Be2 Be5 67. Bd3 f4 68. gxf4+ Kxf4 69. Kb1 Ke3**
(69... h4 70. Be2 Ke3 71. Bf1 Kf2 72. Bd3)
70. Bf5 Bc3 71. Bg6 h4 72. Bh5 Kd3 73. Bg6+ Kxc4 74. Bf7 Kd4 75. Be6 Kd3 76. Bf5+ Kd2 77. Bc2 c4 78. Bb3 Kd3 (78... cxb3 $4 { Stalemate. I had 20 minutes on my clock and Clark about 1 or 2. This trick is worth trying, but easy to spot.})
79. Bc2+ Kd4 80. Bb3 Kxd5 81. Bc2 Ke5 82. Bb3 d5 83. Ba4 Bd4 84. Bb3 Kf4 85. Ba4 Kg3 86. Bc6 Kxh3 87. Bxd5 c3 88. Be4 Kg3 89. Bh1 h3 90. Kc2 Kf2 91. Kb1 h2 92. Kc2 Kg1 93. Be4 h1=Q 94. Bxh1 Kxh1 95. Kb1 Kg1 96. Kc2 Kf1 97. Kb1 Ke1 98. Kc2 Ke2 99. Kb1 Kd1 100. Ka2 b1=Q+ 101. Kxb1 c2+ 102. Ka2 c1=Q 103. Kb3 Qc3+ 104. Ka4 Qb2 0-1



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Age 16	Isaiah Gadson (2053)	35th	**Correspondence:**	Barry Walker (2219)	53rd
	William Nesham (1953)	66th	**Senior:**	Selden Trimble (2029)	83rd
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Age 15	Kevin Cao (2254)	8th			
	Jiain Ding Lin (2221)	15th			
	William Tong (1994)	46th			
	Matthew Larson (1918)	68th			
Age 14	Ansar Lemon (2029)	38th			
	Margaret M.Hua (1985)	49th			

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1	GM Hikaru Nakamura	2878
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21	Ben Gradsky	2092
22	James Sun	2081
23	Abishek Mallela	2079
24	Alex Marler	2052
25	Frank Smith	2049
26	Steven Rand	2043
27	Bronik Matwijkiw	2040
28	Ansar Lemon	2033
29	Tom Polgar-Shutzman	2031
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36	Barry Manthe	1998
37	Gary White	1995
38	William Tong	1994
39	James Smallwood	1991
40	Matthew Larson	1984
41	Margaret Hua	1976
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45	Darius Masuhud	1932
46	William Nesham	1929
47	Matt Barrett	1919
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80	George Purnell	1810
81	Jonathan Schrantz	1810
82	Charles Burrow	1809
83	Joel Stebbins	1808
84	Vishal Bharadwaj	1808
85	Tom Morrell	1801
86	Jeff Eskew	1798
87	James Oslica	1797
88	Mike Clark	1788
89	Jason J Clark	1788
90	Joseph Wojcik	1776
91	James Clark	1758
92	Spencer Conklin	1747
93	Zoe Lemon	1743
94	Michael Kummer	1743
95	Guofu Zhou	1738
96	Aleksey Kazakevich	1737
97	Bradley Herbst	1736
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99	Chris Hunt	1735
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Sicilian Kan Defense
Missouri Open
W: James Davies (2018)
B: GM Fidel Corrales (2679)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c3 d5 8.Nd2 Ne7 9.N2f3 dxe4 10.Bxe4 0-0 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Be3 Nbc6 13.Qc1 Re8 14.Re1 e5 15.Bh6 Bh8 16.Bc2 Nf5 17.Nbd4 Nxh6 18.Qxh6 Bg7 19.Qh4 Na5 20.Rad1 Nc4 21.Bb3 b5 22.Nc2 h6 23.Ne3 Be6 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 Nxb2 26.Qg4 Qxc3 27.Qd7 Nc4 28.Rd3 Qb4 29.Qb7 Rab8 30.Qc6 Re6 31.Qc7 Qf8 32.Rd7 Rc8 33.Qa7 Rd6 34.h3 Rxd7 35.Qxd7 Qd8 36.Qb7 Ra8 37.Rd1 Qc8 38.Qd5 Ra7 39.g4 Re7 40.Nh4 Kh7 41.Qe4 Qb7 42.Qe2 e4 43.Ng2 Ne5 44.Bd5 Nf3+ 45.Qxf3 Qxd5 46.Rxd5 exf3 47.Nh4 Re1+ 48.Kh2 Be5+ 0-1

Modern Defense
Missouri Open
W: Matthew Larson (1965)
B: Frank Smith (2054)

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bd3 Nd7 5.Be3 Ngf6 6.h3 e5 7.c3 b6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 exd4 10.cxd4 c5 11.d5 c4 12.Bc2 Nc5 13.Ng3 Re8 14.Nd2 Nfd7 15.Nxc4 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.0-0 Bxb2 18.Bd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Qg5 20.Rfe1 h5 21.Kh1 Bb7 22.Re3 Re7 23.Rae1 Rae8 24.a4 h4 25.Nf1 Qf4 26.Kg1 g5 27.Nh2 f5 28.Qf6 Nxe4 29.Qg6+ Kh8 30.Bxe4 fxe4 31.Ng4 Rg8 32.Qh6+ Rh7 33.Qf6+ Rhg7 34.Qh6+ Rh7 35.Qf6+ Rhg7 36.Qd4 Qf5 37.Nf6 Rf8 38.Nh5 Qxf2+ 39.Kh2 Qf7 40.Rf1 Qg8 41.Rxf8 Qxf8 42.Rxe4 Ba6 43.Re8 1-0

French Defense
Missouri Open
W: Barry Manthe (2002)
B: Alex Esposito (1860)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.d4 c5 6.Bg5 Qb6 7.dxc5 Qxb2 8.Nb5 Qb4+ 9.c3 Qxc5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Nc7+ Kd8 12.Nxa8 b6 13.Rb1 Nc5 14.Bb5 Qb7 15.Bg5+ Be7 16.Qd4 Bd7 17.Bxe7+ Kxe7 18.Qg4 Rg8 19.Qh4+ Ke8 20.Qxh7 Kf8 21.Qh4 Ke8 22.Nxb6 axb6 23.0-0 Bxb5 24.Rxb5 Ne4 25.Rc1 Qc6 26.Nd4 Qc7 27.c4 Qxe5 28.Rxb6 g5 29.Qh7 Rf8 30.cxd5 Qxd4 31.Rxb8+ Ke7 32.d6+ Qxd6 1-0

French Defense
Missouri Open
W: Justin Hull (1593)
B: Steven Rand (2043)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Ng8 5.Nf3 b6 6.Bd3 Ba6 7.0-0 c5 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Ng5 h6 10.Nh3 Qd7 11.a4 Nb4 12.Nf4 cxd4 13.Nb5 Nc6 14.Re1 Rc8 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Rxc2 17.Qd1 Rc4 18.b3 Rc8 19.a5 bxa5 20.Rxa5 Bb4 21.Rxd5 exd5 22.e6 fxe6 23.Qh5+ Qf7 24.Rxe6+ Ne7 25.Qd1 0-0 26.g3 Rc6 27.Rxc6 Nxc6 28.Bb2 Bd6 29.Nh3 Qf3 30.Qe1 Qe4 31.Qc3 Ne5 32.f4 d4 0-1

King's Indian
Missouri Open
W: Vinita Young (1699)
B: Frank Smith (2054)

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne8 9.Be3 a5 10.Nd2 f5 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Nc5 13.Kh1 Bxc3 14.bxc3 fxe4 15.Bh6 Rxf1+ 16.Qxf1 Ng7 17.Qf2 Nf5 18.Bf4 Qe7 19.Nb3 Nxb3 20.axb3 Bd7 21.g4 Ng7 22.Bh6 Rf8 23.Qe3 Qh4 24.Bg5 Qf2 25.Qd2 Qb6 26.b4 axb4 27.cxb4 c6 28.Be3 Qc7 29.Qd4 Ne8 30.Bc1 Qd8 31.g5 Qe7 32.Bb2 Qg7 33.Qd2 Qe7 34.Qd4 Qg7 ½-½

English Opening
Missouri Open
W: Steven Rand (2043)
B: Selden Trimble (2001)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2 g6 6.Nxd5 cxd5 7.Qb3 e6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.d4 Nd7 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Qc3 Nf6 13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Rfc1 Qd8 15.Qc7 Bc8 16.Rc2 Nd7 17.Rac1 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Qd7 20.h4 Rd8 21.e4 d4 22.Bf1 b6 23.Qxd7 Bxd7 24.Rd2 Rac8 25.Rcd1 Be8 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Kf8 28.Bc4 Ke7 29.Kf1 Rc5 30.f4 Rxc4 31.Rxc4 Bb5 32.b3 Kd7 33.Ke2 Bxc4+ 34.bxc4 Kc6 35.Kd3 Kc5 36.Kc3 h5 37.a3 a6 38.Kb3 Kd4 39.Kb4 a5+ 40.Kb5 a4 41.f5 gxf5 42.exf5 exf5 43.Kxb6 Kxc4 44.Kc6 Kd4 45.Kb5 Ke4 46.Kxa4 Kf3 47.Kb4 Kxg3 48.a4 f4 49.a5 f3 50.a6 f2 51.a7 f1Q 52.a8Q Qe1+ 53.Kc4 Qxe5 54.Qg8+ Kxh4 55.Qxf7 Kg4 56.Qg6+ Qg5 57.Qe6+ Qf5 58.Qe2+ Qf3 59.Qe6+ Kg3 60.Qe1+ Kh3 61.Kd4 h4 62.Qe7 Notation ends due to time. White resigned when the pawn reached h2. **0-1**

French Defense
Missouri Reserve
W: Ed Baur (1541)
B: Kevin Banas (1353)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 a6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.Nexd4 Nc6 9.Be3 Be7 10.c3 0-0 11.Bd3 Nc5 12.0-0 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 Qc7 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.fxg5 Nxe5 16.Qe2 Ng6 17.Rac1 Bd7 18.Qf2 Qa5 19.b4 Qc7 20.Ne2 Qc4 21.Bc5 Qxa2 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.Qe3 Bb5 24.Rf2 Qa3 25.Nd4 Bc4 26.h4 Ne5 27.Rd1 Ng4 0-1

Sicilian Defense
Missouri Reserve
W: Chris Dobbs (1542)
B: Martin Stahl (1475)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Qd3 a6 7.Ba4 e6 8.c3 Be7 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Qxd6 Qe7 13.Qxe7 Bxe7 14.Nbd2 b5 15.Bc2 Rfd8 16.Rfe1 e5 17.h3 g6 18.Rad1 Rac8 19.Nf1 Kg7 20.Ne3 f6 21.Nd5 Bc5 22.Re2 Be6 23.Red2 Bf7 24.a4 Ne7 25.Nxe7 Bxe7 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rxd8 Bxd8 28.axb5 axb5 29.Bd3 Be8 30.Kf1 Bb6 31.Nd2 Bd7 32.b4 f5 33.Nb1 Kf6 34.exf5 gxf5 35.Na3 e4 36.Bxb5 1-0

Caro Kann
Missouri Reserve
W: Ken Crumpler (1525)
B: Steve Jacobs (1433)

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Qe2 e6 6.b3 Ngf6 7.Bb2 Nxe4 8.Qxe4 Nf6 9.Qc4 Qd5 10.Bd3 Be7 11.h3 Qxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.0-0 a6 15.c4 0-0 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.Bc2 c5 18.a4 b4 19.d4 Bxf3 20.gxf3 cxd4 21.Rad1 Bc5 22.Re5 Nd7 23.Rh5 g6 24.Rh4 e5 25.f4 f6 26.f5 g5 27.Rg4 Kh8 28.h4 gxh4 29.Kg2 Rg8 30.Rxg8+ Rxg8+ 31.Kh3 Bf8 32.Rd3 Bh6 33.Kxh4 Bg5+ 34.Kh3 Bf4 35.Rf3 Bh6 36.Rg3 Rxg3+ 37.fxg3 Nc5 38.Kg2 Bg5 39.Kf2 h5 40.Ke2 Kg7 41.Kf3 Kf7 42.Ke2 h4 43.gxh4 Bxh4 44.Bc1 Bg5 45.Bxg5 fxg5 46.Kf3 Kf6 47.Kg4 d3 48.Bd1 e4 0-1

King's Indian
Missouri Reserve
W: Joseph Bean (1548)
B: Martin Stahl (1475)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Ng3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 c5 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 e6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.a3 Bd7 13.Bd2 Rc8 14.Ne4 a6 15.Nc5 Rb8 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Rb1 Rfc8 18.Bf3 Bf8 19.Bxc6 Rxc6 20.Bb4 Bxb4 21.Rxb4 b5 22.a4 Rcb6 23.a5 Rc6 24.Qb3 Rbc8 25.h3 Rc1 26.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 27.Kh2 Qc7+ 28.f4 Qxa5 29.Kg3 Qc7 30.Qa3 Rc3 31.Rb3 Rxb3 32.Qxb3 Qc4 33.Qa3 b4 34.Qa5 b3 35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.f5 exf5 37.Kf4 Qb5 38.h4 b2 39.h5 Qf1+ 40.Ke5 b1Q 41.h6+ Kxh6 42.Qh4+ ½-½

Pirc Defense
Missouri Reserve
W: Ed Baur (1557)
B: Stanley Horton (1403)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Qd2 c6 6.f4 b5 7.a3 Na6 8.b4 Nc7 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Be2 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 d5 12.e5 Nd7 13.a4 a6 14.a5 f6 15.Bh4 fxe5 16.fxe5 0-0 17.0-0 Rf7 18.Bg4 Nf8 19.Rxf7 Kxf7 20.Rf1+ Kg8 21.Qf2 Qe8 22.Ne2 Nfe6 23.c3 h5 24.Bh3 g5 25.Bxe6+ Nxe6 26.Qf5 Qc8 27.Qf7+ Kh8 28.Qxh5+ Kg8 29.Bxg5 Nxg5 30.Qxg5 Qe6 31.Nf4 Qh6 32.Qxe7 Rf8 33.Qe6+ Qxe6 34.Nxe6 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Bh6 36.Ke2 Kf7 37.Nc7 1-0

Ruy Lopez
Missouri Reserve
W: Rohit Rao (1275)
B: Kenneth Eddy (1496)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qd3 Re8 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Ne5 12.Bxe7 Rxe7 13.Qg3 a6 14.Be2 Qf8 15.f4 Ng6 16.f5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 Re4 18.Ne6 Qe7 19.Bd3 fxe6 20.Bxe4 exf5 21.Bxf5 Qe5 22.Be6+ Kh8 23.Qxe5 Nxe5 24.Rf1 Ng6 25.Rf7 c6 26.Rxb7 cxd5 27.Bxd5 Re8 28.Rb6 Ne5 29.Bf3 d5 30.Rxa6 Rf8 31.b4 d4 32.b5 Re8 33.b6 d3 34.cxd3 Nxd3 35.Ra8 Rxa8 36.Bxa8 Nc5 37.b7 Nd7 38.a4 Kg8 39.a5 Nb8 40.Kf2 Kf7 41.Ke3 Ke6 42.Kd4 Kd6 43.g4 Nc6+ 44.Ke4 Nb8 45.Kf5 Na6 46.h4 Nb8 47.h5 Na6 48.h6 gxh6 49.Kf6 Nb8 50.Kg7 Ke6 51.Kxh7 Kf7 52.Kxh6 Kg8 53.Kg6 Na6 54.Kf6 Kf8 55.g5 Kg8 56.Ke6 Kg7 57.Kd6 Kg6 58.Kc6 Kxg5 59.Kb6 Nb8 60.a6 0-1

Ruy Lopez
Missouri Open
W: Inna Agrest (2214)
B: James Oslica (1780)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 d6 9.c3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Bd7 13.d5 c4 14.Nf1 Nb7 15.Ng3 Nc5 16.b4 cxb3 17.axb3 a5 18.Bg5 h6 19.Be3 Rfc8 20.Rc1 a4 21.b4 Na6 22.Bb1 Qb7 23.Qd2 Bf8 24.Nh4 Nc7 25.f4 Nce8 26.Rf1 Rc4 27.Bd3 Rc7 28.Nf3 exf4 29.Bxf4 a3 30.Nd4 Rac8 31.Rc2 Ra8 32.Ra1 Qb8 33.Rca2 Rca7 34.Qc1 Nc7 35.Rxa3 Rxa3 36.Rxa3 Rxa3 37.Qxa3 Qb6 38.Be3 Qb7 39.Qa5 Nfe8 40.Ngf5 g6 41.Nxh6+ Bxh6 42.Bxh6 1-0

French Defense
Missouri Open
W: Timothy Killian (1746)
B: LM Bob Holliman (2203)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.e5 Ne4 6.Nge2 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Bxe4 Bc5 10.Qd3 Qb6 11.Qg3 g6 12.c3 Bd7 13.cxd4 Be7 14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Qxg5 Bc6 16.Nc3 0-0 17.d5 exd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Nd7 20.Rfe1 Nc5 21.Re3 Rad8 22.Bb3 Nxb3 23.Rxb3 Qc6 24.Qf6 Qd7 25.Rh3 Rfe8 26.f4 Qd4+ 27.Kh1 Qf2 28.Rg1 Rd2 29.Rxh7 Kxh7 30.Qxf7+ Kh6 31.Qxe8 Kh7 32.Qf7+ Kh6 33.e6 Re2 34.h3 Qe3 35.f5 gxf5 36.Qxf5 Rf2 37.Qd5 Rxb2 38.Qc4 Rf2 39.Qh4+ Kg6 40.Rd1 Rf6 41.Re1 Qd3 42.Qe4+ 1-0

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Ent: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108, or online at
saintlouischessclub.org Info: 314-361-CHESS
info@saintlouischessclub.org. WCL JGP.

April 27 2013 Don Oswald Memorial Tournament
4SS G/60+5sec delay. American Inn, 1211 Armour Rd, North Kansas City, MO. 64116
Come join us as we Honor, Celebrate and Remember, a true Legend in Kansas City Chess!
Two blocks west of I-35 on Armour Rd, HR-$54-Single, $59-Double
Free Coffee in tournament area
EF: $28 if received before 4/20, $35 cash at door.
MCA Required $5 other states OK.
One-1/2 pt bye if requested before rd1.
Reg:8:30-9:10
Rds-9:30, 12:15, 2:40, 5:00
2-Sections, Open and Under 1600
Prizes based on 40 entries
Open Section 1st-$100 2nd-$60
Class A-$60/$30, Class B-$60/30, Under1600 Section, 1st-$100 2nd $60, Class D/E/F-$50
Unr-$50
Perfect 4.0 Bonus $25! Top Female-$30 Top Under 16-$30
Sponsored by the Heart of America Chess Association, American Inn, and the Kansas City Tournament Directors Association
Entries to Ronald Luther 5205 Countryside Lane, Blue Springs, MO. 64015 ronaldluther@yahoo.com

April 20 – Missouri S&T Open – Rolla, MO

4SS G/55 + d/5. Missouri University of Science and Technology, Havener Center, Meramec/ Gasconade Room, 1346 N. Bishop Ave., Rolla, MO 65409. Registration: 9:00-9:50. Rounds: 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30. Entry Fee: $5. No prizes—just the satisfaction of playing well. USCF and MCA membership required, available on site. ****Free entry with purchase of MCA membership!**
** Entries/Info: Thomas Rehmeier, 200 E. 12th Street, Rolla, MO 65401. JCChess89@yahoo.com . 573-291-0852.

May 25 Show Me Classic
4SS, G/70. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108.
Free entries for GMs and IMs.
EF: $15, $10 for annual members of the club if registered by 5/24.
PF: $410 UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!!
1st Place-$100, 2nd Place-$60. $50 for 1st in each class: A, B, C, D, U1200/UNR.
Winner qualifies for 2014 Club Championship.
Reg: 9-9:45.
Rds: 10, 12:30, 3:30, 6:15.
One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 2.
MCA Membership required from $5. OSA.
Ent: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108,
or online at saintlouischessclub.org
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June 8th 2013 2013 Missouri Class Championship
4rd swiss G55/with 5 sec delay
Birchwood Baptist Church,3883 Blueridge Blvd, Independence MO 64052
Registration - 8:30-9:15 Rds 9:30, 11:45, 1:50, 4:00
EF:$25 if mailed by 6/1 $30 cash only at door. MCA membership($5) required other states OK
1-1/2 Point bye available if requested before round 1
Send advance entries to Ronald Luther, 5205 Countryside Lane, Blue Springs, MO 64015
Prizes based on 10 each class/section
M/E-$100-50
A-$100-50
B-$100-50
C-$100-50
D/E/Unr $100-50
$25-4.0 Perfect Score Bonus!

Beginning with 2013 event, the Missouri Open and Chess Festival will begin a rotation cycle throughout the state. Next year's event is scheduled to be held in Saint Louis, with additional side events, lectures, simuls, etc. Be on the lookout on the MCA website, mochess.org, and the Missouri Chess Bulletin for further details.

Scholastic Schedule

Local Events

June 1 Summer Slam Bash: Open to students enrolledin Elementary or Middle School in Spring 2013. 4SS, G/30. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. EF: $5 if received by 5/31, $10 on-site. One Section: Trophies to 1st-5th Place, Top Under 800, Top Under 600, Top Under 400, Top Unrated and Top Female. Rds: 10, 11, 12:30, 1:30. Award Ceremony: 2:45-3. One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 1. USCF Membership required. Ent: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108, or online at saintlouischessclub.org Info: 314-361-CHESS or info@saintlouischessclub.org. WCL.

Upcoming National Events: Spring Nationals 2013

SUPERNATIONALS V

5-7 April

Gaylord Opryland
2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214
615.889.1000 or 888.777.6779

Gateway Chess League Fall Open

On November 10th, a beautiful fall day, 212 students participated in the Gateway Fall tournament at Lindbergh High School. After a delay for reassigning players when a team was not entered in the correct section, the tournament ran quite smoothly.

Crossroads College Prep. School squeaked a 1st place victory on tie breaks and repeated as the Gateway Fall Tournament Champion. Vianney High School with its strong team of 16 players took Second, while Pattonville High School fell into Third by only one point . Isaiah Gadson of Pattonville did take home the Individual trophy in the H.S. section on tie breaks edging out Luke Herbst of Eureka with a perfect 4/4 score.

In the 9th grade and under section with six teams and 16 players, Vianney had the clear win over McKinley, the second place finisher. Honorable Mention went to Clayton H.S. with just one team member, David Kim, who won all 4 games to place 3rd in the team section and earn him the top spot for 9th graders.

The 8th and under Division had 14 teams and 35 players. Wydown MS beat Ladue MS, which was the 2011 Gateway Fall winner, by a ½ point. Honorable mention went to McKinley MS. Keturah Gadson, younger sister of Isaiah Gadson, was the clear leader in the 9th/8th & under section.

The clear elementary school winner in the 6th and under

Division was Maplewood-Richmond Heights ES in a repeat performance from 2011. Mary Institute/Country Day H.S. came in second & Ft. Zumwalt West MS followed. The top 6th grade finisher was Diamond Abdus-Shakoor, who won the Crossroads top 6th grader trophy in October.

In the 5th grade and under section with 26 teams competing, Spoede ES came in first with Long ES coming in second just squeaking by with a ½ point over Bierbaum ES and Kennard ES. This was Bierbaum's first rated tournament with three of its members belonging to the USCF less than a month. Jonathan Gollapudi of McKelvey ES was the clear winner with a perfect 5.0 score.

Pattonville School District did very well in the Individual award area with three of their students taking first place trophies home.

The three kindergartners that participated each scored two points or more. Evan Marion of Stix Early Childhood Center and Roman Ryker of Bierbaum both notched two points with two wins each. Anderson Dai from Spoede had 2.5 points with one win and three draws.

♔ Reported by Sylvia Ryker , sylryker@yahoo.com

2012 Gateway Board Tournament

On December 8th, almost 300 scholastic chess players turned up to participate in the Gateway Board Tournament at Chaminade. Additional entrants and many students renewing their USCF membership delayed the beginning of the tournament about a half hour, but the last round did begin early at 4:59 pm.

For the high school division, it came down to the battle of the two highest rated players, Matt Larson & Isaiah Gadson in the 4th round. Matt came out victorious to help Crossroads College Prep clinch first place. Metro St. Louis High School utilized all four players to take second place, while Vianney placed third. Mt. Vernon edged out Lindbergh HS in tie breaks to get the 4th place trophy.

In the 9th grade & up team section, McKinley, avenging its previous second place finish, taking first place from Vianney who ended up finishing second out of 9 schools represented with 19 students participating.

Ladue MS placed tops in the 8th grade & under section, also avenging a previous second place finish, and Wydown MS followed out of 21 schools represented in this section with 56 students participating.

New City dominated in the 6th grade & under team section, while Pattonville Hts MS came in second with a solid team performance.

The 5th grade & under section had the largest participation with 93 students and 32 elementary schools represented. Spoede dominated with the highest team total of the evening. Their top player, Jason Ding getting all 6 points and the next 3 players all won 5 out of 6 of their games. New City came in a second, while Bierbaum came in 3rd.

Kindergartner Roman Ryker of Bierbaum, finally going over 500 in a rated tournament, notched 3.5 points to boost Bierbaum into 3rd place edging out Kennard by a ½ point.

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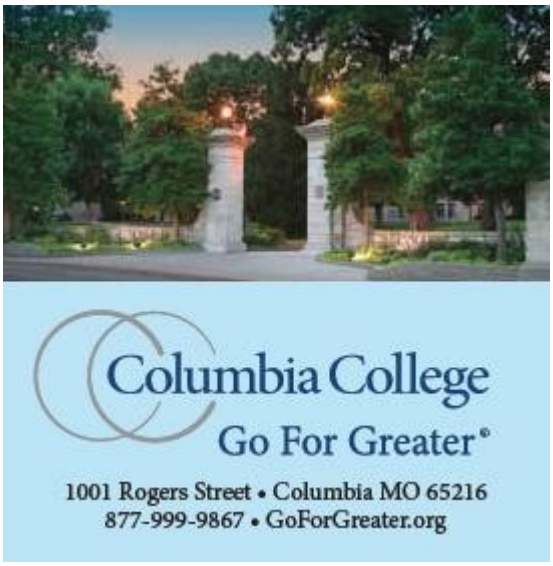
~ First Place 5th & Under Team Spoede ES ~

USCF Junior Grand Prix
Leaders from Missouri

Name	JGP Points	Events
Kirumaki, Ronit	2009	1
Aripov, Iskandar	1225	2
Deering, Ryan	1057	1
Berry, Clark Zhang	838	2
Kannappan, Priyadharshan	837	1
Aathreya, Rohan	811	1
Bregadze, Levan	793	2
Hua, Margaret M	692	1
Truong, Paul	686	1
Milli, Sachin Laxman	666	1



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Top Winners of the Missouri State Title

John Ragan	12	1948, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977
Michael A. Brooks	12	1981, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2003, 2009
Ronald G. Luther	9	1993, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008
Kenneth E. Jones	8	1976, 1979, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1993, 2003
Robert H. Steinmeyer	5	1942, 1947, 1950, 1954, 1958
Elliot Winslow	5	1969, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975
Doug Eckert	5	1983, 1985, 1986, 1990, 2003
Robert M. Jacobs	5	1974, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2004
Bob Holliman	4	1998, 2003, 2004, 2005
James R. Voelker	4	1994, 1998, 2004, 2005

Certain years numerous players tied for the state title in which case the winner on tie breaks was awarded the plaque; however, all players tied for 1st place were considered to be State Co-Champions.

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Part of my preparation for the World Champion match against Kasparov was to be ready for his off-board tactics. I did not to react to them at all. Once you start thinking about these things during the game, even analysing them, you're caught. - Vladimir Kramnik

Missouri State Champions

Missouri Open State Champion

Quick Champion
GM Fidel Corrales & IM Vitaly Neimer

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Kevin Cao

Reserve Champion

2012 Class Champions

Master — Expert	Abhishek Mallela Barry Manthe
Class A	Alex Esposito
Class B	Steve Goldschmidt
Class C	Khin Kyi
Class D	Daniel Raymon
Class E	David Reitz
Novice	Andrew Schauer

All Girls Champion
Margaret Hua

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Chess, like any creative activity, can exist only through the combined efforts of those who have creative talent, and those who have the ability to organize their creative work.

-Mikhail Botvinnik

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